



Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition

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Reporting for the week ending October 24, 2010.

General

Scattered showers and storms brought precipitation to some areas of the state during the early part of last week. Severe weather moved through Arkansas over the weekend, causing wind damage, hail, lightning, and flash flooding. Thirty-four of the 36 reporting stations received measurable rain. The greatest precipitation amounts for the week were in Hot Springs with 2.96 inches, followed by Warren with 2.42 inches. Topsoil moisture supplies were reported to be 41 percent very short, 34 percent short, 23 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 41 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 23 percent adequate. Temperatures were well above normal last week. Low temperatures ranged from 39 degrees Fahrenheit at Calico Rock and Gilbert to 53 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. High temperatures ranged from 81 degrees Fahrenheit at Fayetteville, Harrison, and Mountain Home to 89 degrees Fahrenheit at Eudora. Farmers averaged 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork.

Crops

Cotton harvest reached 95 percent complete by the end of last week, 81 percent ahead of last year and 30 percent ahead of the five-year average. Rice harvest reached 99 percent complete by week's end. Soybeans yellowing reached 99 percent, with 96 percent shedding, 92 percent mature, and 84 percent harvested last week. Winter wheat producers had 31 percent of the crop planted, with 8 percent of the crop emerged. Farmers were preparing fields for next spring as well as harvesting cotton, rice, and soybeans last week. Some fall fertilizers were being applied to fields as well.

Livestock

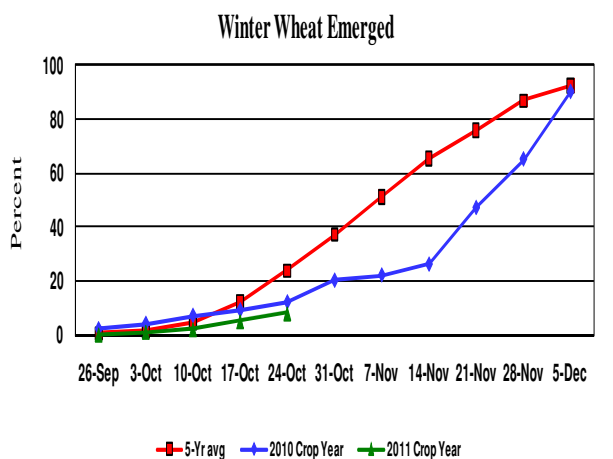
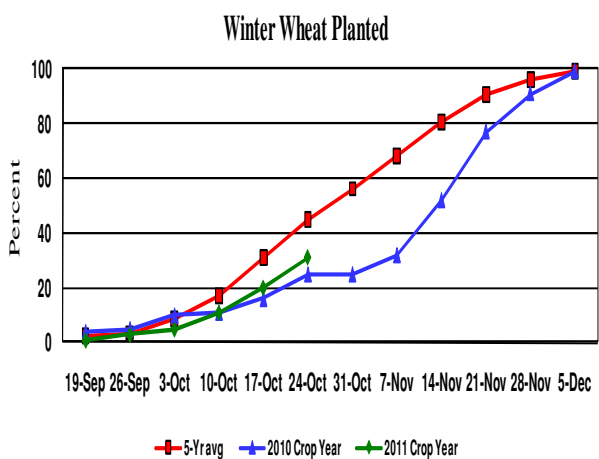
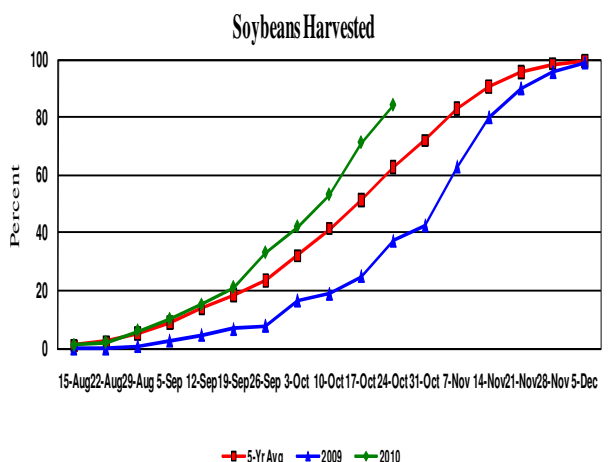
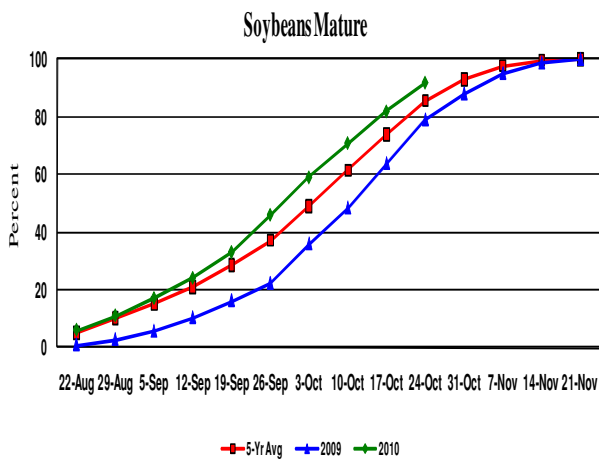
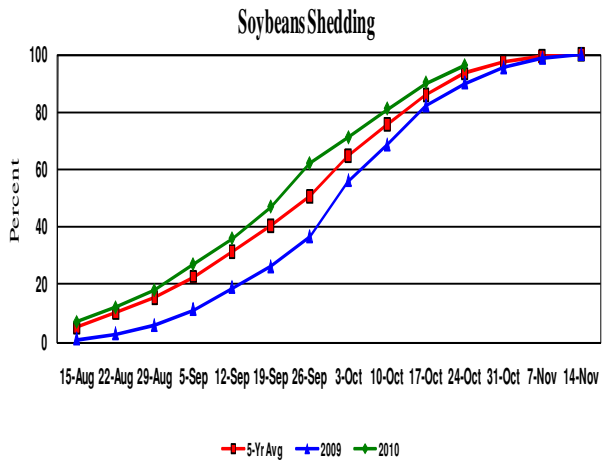
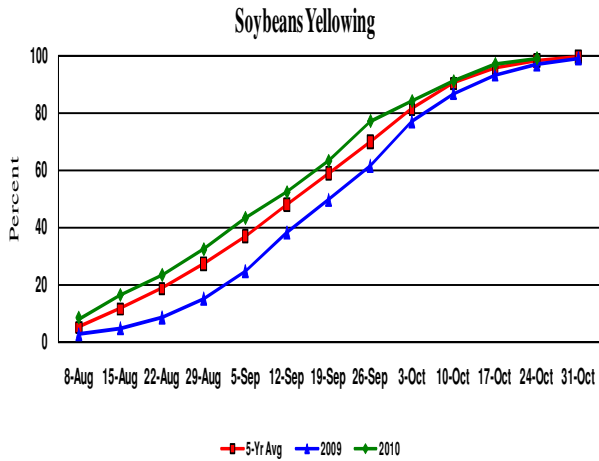
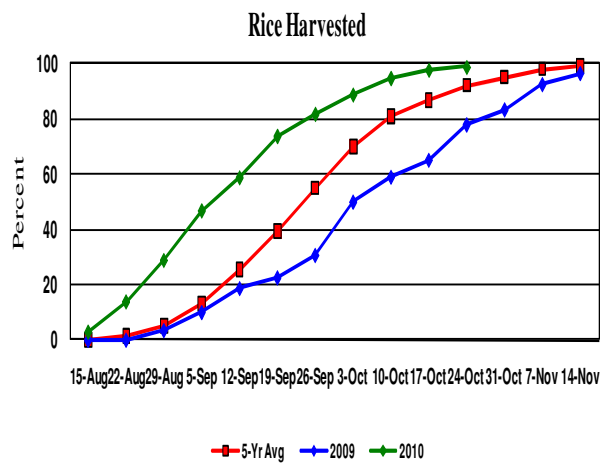
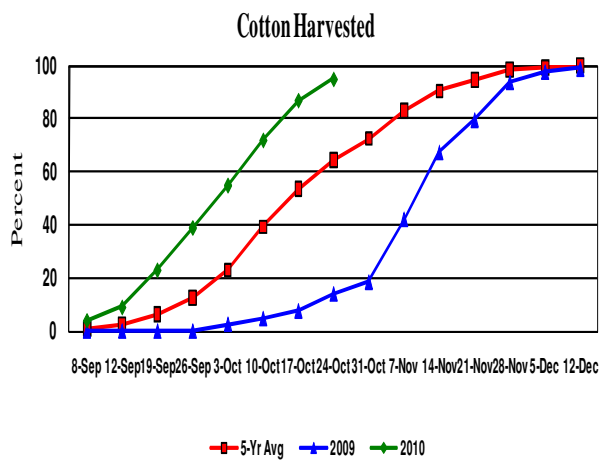
Last week livestock were mostly in fair to good condition. Conditions improved slightly for pasture and range and hay crops. Conditions were mostly poor to fair for pasture and range and other hay, whereas alfalfa hay was mostly fair to good. Producers were feeding hay in addition to selling calves and culling cows to decrease feed needs.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2009	5-Year Avg
Cotton	Harvested	95	87	14	65
Rice	Harvested	99	98	78	92
Soybeans	Yellowing	99	97	97	98
	Shedding	96	90	90	93
	Mature	92	82	79	86
	Harvested	84	71	37	63
Winter Wheat	Planted	31	20	24	41
	Emerged	8	5	12	20

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	15	42	29	14	0
Hay-Alfalfa	5	13	35	46	1
Hay-Other	21	23	43	12	1
Pasture and Range	28	27	33	10	2



District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Oct 24	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date 2010	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	81	45	7	1.85	1.86	3.44	39.49	37.47
	Harrison	81	43	9	0.08	0.08	3.07	42.95	35.99
N. Central	Calico Rock	83	39	5	0.00	0.00	3.23	39.81	36.49
	Gilbert	83	39	7	0.07	0.14	2.95	39.46	35.18
	Greers Ferry	83	47	7	0.09	0.12	3.67	35.99	39.77
	Mtn. Home	81	43	7	0.02	0.10	2.82	42.67	35.50
Northeast	Batesville	85	44	7	0.03	0.03	3.44	35.44	37.36
	Blytheville	84	42	6	0.21	0.23	3.12	20.50	40.30
	Jonesboro	85	46	7	0.00	0.15	3.32	24.43	36.34
	Keiser	87	42	7	0.27	0.27	2.98	28.99	39.73
	Newport	83	44	4	0.02	0.07	3.13	32.16	37.96
W. Central	Booneville	85	46	3	0.92	0.92	3.49	33.87	37.84
	Clarksville	85	50	8	0.86	0.90	3.65	37.44	36.80
	Dardanelle	85	47	7	1.27	1.27	3.61	38.58	38.22
	Ft. Smith	87	50	8	1.53	1.64	3.43	33.44	34.99
	Mena	82	45	4	1.82	1.94	5.12	41.99	46.52
	Ozark	82	50	6	1.45	1.79	3.44	44.25	35.51
Central	Conway	84	48	5	0.37	0.37	3.52	33.01	37.97
	Hot Springs	85	51	5	2.96	2.96	4.50	38.03	45.34
	Little Rock	85	51	8	1.10	1.80	3.66	28.43	39.76
	Morrilton	85	42	5	0.66	0.66	3.67	36.42	37.36
	N. Little Rock	85	53	7	0.80	0.83	3.23	35.38	38.23
E. Central	Brinkley	84	44	6	0.50	1.00	3.09	26.13	39.24
	Marianna	85	47	6	0.63	0.83	3.24	29.80	41.64
	Stuttgart	85	51	5	0.46	0.46	3.27	24.87	38.25
	West Memphis	85	45	4	0.75	0.75	2.91	34.97	41.24
Southwest	DeQueen	84	46	6	1.39	1.74	4.65	30.86	43.26
	Hope	84	48	6	2.39	2.45	3.93	28.73	42.88
	Texarkana	84	51	6	1.66	2.02	3.34	25.38	36.58
S. Central	Camden	86	44	5	1.40	1.40	3.85	26.58	42.18
	El Dorado	86	48	6	1.75	1.75	3.76	29.64	44.07
	Warren	84	51	6	2.42	2.42	3.96	30.14	44.41
Southeast	Eudora	89	49	5	1.19	1.74	3.29	32.24	45.17
	Monticello	86	51	9	1.29	1.75	3.73	29.02	44.46
	Pine Bluff	86	48	6	0.71	0.85	3.89	25.62	41.57
	Rohwer	85	49	6	2.25	2.30	2.85	33.56	40.62

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